

SOURCE WATER PROTECTION

Estimated Project Cost:

\$2 Million - \$3 Million

DESCRIPTION:

- Acquisition of lands adjacent to the Russian River would protect riparian and wetland habitat crucial to salmonid recovery efforts
- Designating acquired lands as permanent irrigation sites for treated wastewater would reduce discharges in the Russian River watershed
- Protection of drinking water source for over 800,000 residents in Mendocino, Sonoma and Marin counties
- Acquisitions could result from conservation easements and/or purchase of lands as they come up for sale

POTENTIAL PARTNERSHIPS:

- California Department of Parks and Recreation
- Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District
- Sonoma County Regional Parks Department
- Sonoma County Water Agency

PROJECT GOAL

Protect lands adjacent to the Russian River as permanent open space and provide for public access and passive recreation, while protecting riparian habitat for threatened steelhead and coho and Chinook salmon.

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Preserving lands adjacent to the Russian River as open space could provide for public access and passive recreation while protecting valuable salmonid habitat